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1. SUMMARY. WITH TWENTY-FOUR HOURS OF INFORMAL MANEU-
VERING SINCE THE REPORT IN REFTEL, THE SITUATION IS
THAT THE G-77 ARE MAINTAINING THEIR TEXT DESPITE
INTERNAL DIVISIONS. NORWAY, AUSTRALIA, AND AUSTRIA
ARE JOINTLY TRYING TO PRODUCE A SHORTER ALTERNATIVE
TEXT THAT MIGHT HAVE A CHANCE OF BEING GENERALLY
ACCEPTABLE; WHETHER THEY WILL SUCCEED IS HIGHLY DOUBT-
FUL. ANOTHER CONTACT GROUP MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR
JULY 5. END SUMMARY

2. THROUGHOUT THE DAY ON FRIDAY, IT BECAME INCREASINGLY
OBVIOUS THAT SOMEONE HAD TO TRY TO HELP THE IVORY COAST
DELEGATION OUT OF THE SPOT IT IS IN DUE TO ITS INSISTENCE
OF A CONSENSUS "DECLARATION." THERE MAY BE RISK OF
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SERIOUS EMBARRASSMENT FOR HOUPHOUET-BOIGNY. AS A RESULT OF MEDIA-

TION BY VARIOUS G-77 AND WESTERN DELEGATIONS, NORWAY, AUSTRALIA AND AUSTRIA AGREED TO MAKE THE ATTEMPT.

3. A SCENARIO DESIGNED QUIETLY TO BURY THE G-77 PAPER ON GROUNDS THAT CONSENSUS WAS NOT POSSIBLE, AND A NEW EFFORT WOULD BE REQUIRED CAME APART AT A DINNER SESSION JULY 2. THE WORKING DINNER TURNED INTO AN ACRIMONIOUS DEBATE BETWEEN IVORY COAST PERMREP AKE(ECOSOC PRESIDENT) AND THE COORDINATOR FOR G-77, QADRUD-DIN OF PAKISTAN. THE LATTER, SUPPORTED BY A FEW VETERAN NEGOTIATORS LIKE DIALLO (UPPER VOLTA), INSISTED FOR THREE HOURS THAT ANY DECLARATION OF ABIDJAN WOULD HAVE TO "TAKE FULL ACCOUNT" OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE G-77 PAPER. OTHERS, INCLUDING THE JAMICAN AND BRAZILIAN AMBASSADORS, TRIED TO HELP AKE BUT FAILED. THE OPEN SPLIT AMONG THE LDC REPS PROVOKED A FULL G-77 MEETING SATURDAY MORNING.

4. THEREAFTER, THE CONTACT GROUP CONVENED BRIEFLY. QADRUD-DIN ANNOUNCED FIRMLY THAT THE G-77 STANDS BY ITS PAPER AND CONTINUES TO INVITE "REACTIONS, AMENDMENTS, OR PROPOSALS BY OTHERS." MYERSON RECALLED THE "WELL KNOWN" US ATTITUDE TOWARD THE G-77 PAPER AND SAID THAT, IF NECESSARY, WE WOULD AGAIN EXPLAIN OUR POSITION AT THENEXT MEETING(AT THE DINNER HE HADSAID THE G-77 APPROACH WAS UNACCEPTABLE TO US WHETHER PRESENTED IN ABIDJAN OR ANYWHERE ELSE.)

5. COMMENT: THE PAKISTANI BEHAVIOR HAS BEEN SUCH THAT MOST OTHERS BELIEVE THEIR DELEGATION HAS HARD INSTRUCTIONS TO CREATE A RECORD OF DEFENDING FAIRLY EXTREME LDC DEMANDS --THIS IN ORDER TO BUILD SUPPORT FOR BHUTTO'S G-77 SUMMIT PROPOSAL. PAKISTANI DESIDERATA ARE NOT, HOWEVER, THE FULL EXPLANATION FOR THE SITUATION. SEVERAL OTHER DELEGATIONS, INCLUDING ALGERIA, ARE PRESENTLY INSISTING THAT EFFORTS BE MADE TO GIVE G-77 PAPER STATUS IN ECOSOC AND TO FORCE DETAILED DISCUSSION ON ITS CONTENT NOW OR LATER. AKE HAS NOT HANDLED THE MATTER WELL AND THERE IS RISK OF A HIGHLY DIVISIVE EXERCISE WITH MINIMAL CHANCE OF SUCCESS.

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6. WE ARE KEEPING IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH THE KEY DELS INCLUDING AUSTRALIA AND NORWAY. U.S. DELGATION COSIDES THAT

EXISTING INSTRUCTIONS ARE ADEQUATE FOR THE MOMENT. IT MAY BE NECESSARY TO RECEIVE GUIDANCE QUICKLY EARLY NEXT WEEK, HOWEVER. WE WILL KEEP WASHINGTON ADVISED. SMITH

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